

Sergeant George Alfred Bicknell, 1292839 RAFVR



George Bicknell was an air gunner who served in No. 49 Squadron based at RAF Fiskerton in Lincolnshire. He was killed on 23 September 1943 on an operation to Mannheim, on what was only his third operation. He was just 21 years old.

His aircraft, Lancaster III JB301, was both claimed shot down by the night fighter flown by Oberleutnant Wilhelm Martin of the 1./NJG 3 based at Vechta airfield (Niedersachsen), and by heavy (schwere) Flak.

In that raid over Mannheim 18 Lancasters, 7 Halifaxes and 7 Wellington bombers and their crews were lost, mainly shot down by night fighters.

George and the rest of his crew are buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery in Germany (grave ref. 8. F. 27).

The rest of the crew of JB301 were:

Flt. Sgt. D. Stanton - pilot

Sgt. J. Tunley – flight engineer

Sgt. C.F. Walton - navigator

Sgt. N. Fleming – air gunner

Sgt. J. Spiers – bomb aimer

Sgt. E W Howell wireless operator

George's name can be found on IBCC panel 9

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